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In re Patent Application of:
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For: COMPOUNDS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
DELIVERING ACTIVE AGENTS

Examiner: J. M. Spear

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120 FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRIOR-FILED APPLICATIONS**

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through the undersigned attorney, hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for benefit of priority in this application.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/820,694, which was filed on March 18, 1997 ('694 Application). While the '694 Application was pending, applicants amended the '694 specification to claim priority to International Application No. PCT/US96/04580 ('580 Application). The '580 Application claims priority from U.S. Serial Nos. 08/414,654 ('654 Application) and 60/003,111 ('111 Application). Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accept their claim for the benefit of priority to the '580, '654, and '111 Applications. The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2) and the date of this petition was unintentional.

Assuming this petition is granted, the present application will be a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/820,694, filed March 18, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,344,213, and claim the benefit of International Application No. PCT/US96/04580, published as WO 96/30036 on October 3,
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